

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 292

Supporting the goals of the Year of the Rose.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2001

Mr. McCRERY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals of the Year of the Rose.

Whereas the study of fossils has shown that the rose has  
been a native wild flower in North America for over  
35,000,000 years;

Whereas the rose is grown today in every State in the United  
States;

Whereas the rose has long been used to symbolize love,  
friendship, beauty, peace, and the devotion of the people  
of the United States to their Nation;

Whereas the rose has been cultivated and grown in gardens  
for over 5,000 years, and is referred to in both the Old  
and New Testaments;

Whereas the rose has for many years captivated the affection  
of humankind and it has been revered in art, music, and  
literature;

Whereas George Washington was a breeder of roses and one of his varieties, named after his mother, is still grown today;

Whereas in 1986 the rose was designated as the national floral emblem of the United States; and

Whereas the American Rose Society has designated 2002 as the Year of the Rose: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2       *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3               (1) supports the goals of the Year of the Rose;

4       and

5               (2) encourages the President to issue a procla-  
6       mation calling on the people of the United States to  
7       observe the year with appropriate ceremonies and  
8       activities.

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